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A year of Conservative Successes

Conservatives pleased with progress – but still more to do

Your Conservative Councillors have continued to build on their achievements and can report another successful year of working on your behalf. This year Cleveland Conservatives have



- **Convinced the Council to improve the Drayton Green/Courtfield Gardens Junction**
- **Fought off another attempt to impose Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) in the area**
- **Saved the running track and football pitch on Drayton Green**
- **Gained funding for welcome signs in Pitshanger Lane**
- **Delivered a new multi use games area (MUGA) in Gurnell Grove**

These success follow closely on the back of our stunning achievement last year to get Pitshanger Library refurbished. This followed a concerted campaign including a petition signed by over a 1,000 local residents. Find out more about these stories on page 2 of the Cleveland Chronicle.

Meanwhile Labour waste £millions of your money

£350,000 wasted massaging egos

Ealing Council took legal action against the Independent Audit Commission because they disagreed with the Commission's view that Ealing was a "Weak" Council. Ealing lost and had to pay all the legal costs. Cllr Ian Gibb, speaking in a debate condemning the Council's actions said, "I can think of many improvements that are needed locally, for which we are told there is no funding, Yet senior Labour politicians can spend £350,000 because their egos were hurt by the Audit Commissions' carefully considered opinion."

£Millions wasted on Call Centre

Labour's much-talked about £50 million call centre is running behind schedule. The so-called Response Centre has cost many times more than similar schemes implemented by neighbouring Councils. Yet despite the £millions spent – ***complaints to the Council increased by 50% over a 3 month period***

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More on those Conservative Successes

Drayton Green/Courtfield Gardens to be made safer

Cleveland Conservatives are celebrating a decision to investigate and implement improvements to the dangerous junction where **Drayton Green, Lynton Avenue, Courtfield Gardens** and **Drayton Bridge Road** meet.

Cllr Gibb told the Cleveland Chronicle “I have been raising the dangerous state of this junction with the Council every year for the last six years. There have been at least five accidents at that junction in the last year, including one that demolished the wall of the house on the corner. This was the final straw. I’ve managed to get the Ealing Area Committee to pay for improvements to the junction”.

Cleveland councillor Brian Castle, who chairs the Ealing Area Committee said “We’ve been aware of the danger at this junction for a long time. Sadly the Labour Council has never seen it as a priority but the Conservatives control the Ealing Area Committee and we convinced our colleagues that we should use some of our limited budget to tackle this junction”.

Cllr Popham added “We’re not resting on our laurels, we are also hoping that we can undertake a study into improving the **Courtfield Gardens/Argyle Road** junction and the traffic situation on **Woodfield Road**”

Welcome Signs for Pitshanger

Cleveland Conservatives have supported the Pitshanger Community Association in it’s attempt to get welcome signs for Pitshanger Lane

The PCA Chairman, lobbied the Ealing Area Committee for funding for the signs and thanks to support from the Cleveland

Conservatives, it was agreed. Cllr Brian Castle who was chairing the meeting said “I’m pleased that the Committee agreed with my recommendation to support the funding of these signs. Pitshanger is a strong community and these signs will help promote that feeling”

Cllr Ian Gibb added “this is just another example of some of the great things we’ve achieved in the Pitshanger area. We had the tremendously successful campaign including the petition we organised to get the improvements to **Pitshanger Library**. We collected over 1,000 signatures on that petition and Council officers admitted that the strength of feeling really helped in



Looking good –Pitshanger Library refurbished after a successful campaign led by Cleveland Conservatives

~~getting the Council to change its mind after it put the renovation plans on hold.”~~

Drayton Green Running Track

We were staggered to discover that the original plans for improvements to Drayton Green included axing the running track and football pitch.

Cllr Popham explained to the Cleveland Chronicle, “Cllr Gibb and I visited the Park and spoke to joggers, the kids and parents using the football pitch and then fed their views back to the Council. I am pleased

Conservatives Launch Radical Transport Manifesto

Ealing's Conservative Councillors recently launched the first part of their manifesto for next year's Council elections.



The document, entitled "Lets Get Ealing Moving" pulls together Conservative transport policies that include:-

Scrapping the Tram

A clear and uncompromising opposition to the Tram along the Uxbridge Road including a commitment to take the battle through the courts if necessary.

Scrapping unnecessary bus lanes

There is wide spread opposition to many of the bus lanes that have appeared on our roads, especially in Northolt. Conservatives will scrap bus lanes that add to congestion, and review the times of operation of all the others, scraping 24 hour bus lanes.

Designing out congestion

Too many "improvements" to our roads have added to congestion not reduced it. We will examine congestion hotspots and look to change the layout to improve traffic flows, not hinder them.

Controlled Parking Zones

CPZs are appearing across the borough. Conservatives will support CPZs only where there is a clear demand from residents and we will tighten up the procedures to ensure that CPZs do not creep over all our streets.

Car Parks

Conservatives will look to promote the use of our car parks, introduce free parking after 6.30pm and introduce free parking days to help our local traders

Cycling and Walking

Conservatives will promote green transport and improve our pavements and the walking environment. We will look to extend the number of cycle paths and look to encourage

shared use of footpaths where pedestrian use is light and where the pavements are wide enough.

We propose to work with local retailers to offer reduced price bike schemes for our school children and widen the availability of cycle training and secure parking.

Multiple Occupation Lanes

Conservatives will look at a radical plan to introduce a trial lane where people who car share, get priority.

Road maintenance

Too many of our roads are full of potholes and in a shocking state of repair. We will dramatically increase the number of roads that are resurfaced.

Tube and Rail Stations

Too many of our train and tube stations are inaccessible to the disabled and families with push chairs. Conservatives will fight to get improvements at our main station, especially



Cleveland Councillors (L to R) Brian Castle, Ian Gibb and John Popham have taken a keen interest in local transport issues. Among their achievements over the last few years are improvements to the access at Castle Bar Park Station, relocation of the ticket machine at West Ealing Station, improvements to the Mount Avenue/Castlebar Road junction and St Gregory School pedestrian crossing. They have also lobbied for a Sunday Service on the Greenford branch line and are actively campaigning against the tram and opposing the introduction of CPZs into Cleveland Ward.

Gurnell could lose 50m pool

Gurnell Pool could lose its 50m pool if Labour Councillors get their way. They plan to replace the 50m pool at Gurnell by a 25m one, and build a new 50m pool in Acton. In another blow to Gurnell, Labour Councillors also want to take £70,000 earmarked for upgrading the changing rooms to spend it on a project in Hanwell. This follows last year's debacle when shoddy work by Ealing Council's contractors caused the pool to be closed during the school holidays, causing inconvenience to thousands of Ealing parents and children.



Cleveland councillor John Popham slammed the Labour Council's attitude to Gurnell, claiming "It's disgraceful. Gurnell is the only 50m pool in Ealing but Labour Councillors want to take the away facilities and spend the

Duke of Kent Licensing Hours

Cleveland's Conservative Councillors have lodged formal objections to the licensing application made by Fullers for the Duke of Kent. The Kent is in the middle of a residential area and we don't believe it should have the sort of opening hours that we'd expect in a town centre location

How to contact your Conservative Councillors

Face to Face

Your Conservative Councillors hold three surgeries each month – just turn up - no appointment required. Each surgery runs from 10.00 to 11.00am

2nd Saturday of Month—Methodist Church Hall, Pitshanger Lane

3rd Saturday of Month—Gurnell Community Centre, Gurnell Estate

4th Saturday of Month—International Presbyterian Church, Drayton Green

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